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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE  
APPLICATION NO. 10/648,009

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In re Application of: Amlan Datta, et al.  
Application No.: 10/648,009  
Filing Date: October 2, 2001  
Group Art Unit: 1755  
Examiner: Paul A. Marcantoni  
For: Synthetic Microspheres and Methods of  
Making Same

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Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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**AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

Applicants submit this Amendment in reply to an Office Action mailed October 25, 2006, that established a one-month shortened statutory time period to respond. Applicants submit that this response is timely filed.

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In view of the following remarks and arguments provided herein, Applicants respectfully request entry of this Amendment and allowance of claims pending in their Application.

In response to the Office Action, please reconsider the above-identified Application as provided in:

**Listing of Claims** that begin on page 3;

**Remarks** that begin on page 6; and

**Conclusion** that begins on page 7 of this paper.